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SUBJECT: OFID, Austrian Government Undecided On IDLO Director General Election (International Development Law Organization)

REF: a) State 115214; b) Heffern-Froats emails

¶1. Post conveyed ref A talking points to Austria's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and to OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) through the office of Director General Suleiman Al-Herbish.

¶2. An Austrian MFA rep (Mr. Georg Diwald) told us the GoA has not made a decision on the IDLO director general election and that EU members are caucusing with the goal of reaching a consensus position.

¶3. In addition, Post provided OFID with supporting materials (ref B -- note that OFID indicated Mr. McInerney had already provided those materials directly). We followed up with OFID Senior Counsel Hanno Scheuch, who said that OFID "is in the process of making up its mind" and cannot indicate its preference at this point. The final decision will be made next week by Director General Al-Herbish (who is currently on a business trip).

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